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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 3244

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CVIS, SREF, ET, SW
SUBJECT: SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS ESCAPED MEMBERS OF ETHIOPIAN ROYAL
FAMILY IN SWEDEN

REFS: (A) STATE 182369, (B) STOCKHOLM 3229

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: SWEDISH AFTERNOON PAPER EXPRESSEN
CARRIED STORY AUGUST 5 ON THE FLIGHT OF TEN MEMBERS OF THE
ETHIOPIAN ROYAL FAMILY FROM HOUSE ARREST IN ADDIS ABABA
TO SWEDEN ABOUT A WEEK AGO. THE REFUGEES ARE DESCRIBED
AS FOUR PRINCES AND SIX PRINCESSES FROM THE AGES OF 22 TO 4
WHO ARE THE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF THE LATE EMPEROR HAILE
SELASSIE.

2. THE STORY NOTES THAT THE METHOD OF ESCAPE IS NOT KNOWN,
ONLY THAT IT WAS APPARENTLY CAREFULLY PLANNED. THE
CHILDREN WENT FIRST TO NAIROBI WHERE, AT THE INSTRUCTION OF
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SWEDISH AID MINISTER OLA ULLSTEN, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, THEY WERE CONTACTED BY THE
SWEDISH EMBASSY ON JULY 28. A DAY LATER THEY ARRIVED
IN STOCKHOLM AND WERE TAKEN TO A SECRET REFUGE. A
SPOKESMAN FOR ULLSTEN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "THEY
RISKED LIFE AND LIMB IN ADDIS ABABA." THE PRESS ACCOUNT
ALSO ADDS THAT IF THE CHILDREN WISH TO REMAIN IN SWEDEN

THEY WILL HAVE TO REQUEST PERMISSION FROM THE IMMIGRATION
AUTHORITIES. END UNCLASSIFIED

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT: THE EXPRESSEN STORY
MAKES NO MENTION AT ALL OF ANY MISSIONARY INVOLVEMENT,
POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS, OR ONWARD TRAVEL. WE ASSUME
HOWEVER THAT NOW THAT THE STORY HAS BROKEN, THERE WILL BE
INCREASED PUBLIC AND MEDIA INTEREST IN THE AFFAIR.
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